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WEEK before last the town of Buckhannon was bereft of three wealthy and most prominent citizens. They were Daniel Carper, aged 89, Levi Leonard, aged 68, and Creed Hart, aged 57.

FOREST fires have been raging in southern Indiana, central Kentucky and central Mississippi. Owing to the severe drought the leaves and grass are like tinder. The noted Dismal Swamp is also on fire. Whence comes some of the recent smoke, perhaps.

MAJOR LEWIS GINTER, of Richmond, Virginia, died on the second of October. He was a person of great wealth and did much to improve the city. He was one of the wealthiest men in Virginia and among his achievements was the erection of the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, which ranks among the finest hosteleries in the South.

GEN. NEAL DOW, noted all over the country as the Maine Liquor Law promoter, and Prohibition candidate for the Presidency, died October the second at his home in Portland, Maine, aged 90 years. One of the truest friends of the home and country has passed away. His methods might be questioned, but his aims were unquestionable.

THE Charleston Gazette seems to be a very conscientious journal. It has been giving President McDonald a severe exposure, and came very near writing Monday for Sunday because William Barrett caught a fifty pound catfish at Point Pleasant on a late Sunday. Upon reflection the Gazette decided to let the moralists take care of themselves when it comes to the matter of fishing. Let way be made for the moral sprinkler, good is bound to come when the nasty dust is laid that's now blowing about.

A VERY disagreeable duty seems to have been met and discharged by a United States circuit judge in Tennessee. He declared the anti-cigar law of that State to be in violation of the inter-state commerce clause of the Constitution of the United States. Judge Larton says in rendering his decision that if the act were limited to cigarettes which have lost their character as imports by the breaking of the original packages, the Tennessee law would not be unconstitutional. Congress recognizes the interstate traffic in ardent spirits in original packages as lawful commerce, so also is the cigarette traffic in original packages legal. The Judge also says that while he comes to this decision without hesitation, yet he is "reluctant to break down a statute aimed at the suppression of an evil of a most pronounced character." It is hoped our West Virginia law makers will do something to keep the "coffin nails" away from our precious youth.

ONE of the most remarkable trials in the whole history of jurisprudence is going on in Chicago; known as the Luetger case. The accused is charged with murdering his wife and burning the body in caustic potash in the vats of his sausage works. The prosecution introduced expert testimony that the bones found in the vats were those of a human female of slight build. The expert for the defense testified that the same bones were those of a small hog. In a cross examination a skull was shown to the expert for the defense, and he pronounced it a monkey's, when in fact it was a dog's. This same expert afterwards identified as the bone of a man, that was a gorilla bone. Both the prosecution and defense have had experts to burn bodies and the results reported have differed greatly. Thus it appears the whole case has become a battle of experts and tends to make circumstantial evidence and expert testimony a doubtful method of arriving at the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

SOMETHING GEOMETRICAL.—"Biggins is a great fisherman, isn't he?"
"Yes."
"Seems a little obtuse on other subjects."
"Yes, he's an obtuse angler,"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

This paper is devoted to the memory of Samuel Waugh, one of the early settlers of "The Hills," seven or eight miles north-east of Huntersville. The progenitor of the Waugh relationship, according to the most authentic of family legends, was James Waugh, senior, of Scotch-Irish descent. His wife's name was Mary. This pioneer husband and wife opened up their home just previous to the Revolution on the place now held by John Shrader, one of their descendants by the third remove. Samuel Waugh, the subject of this sketch, was one of their sons, and upon his marriage with Miss Ann McGuire settled at the old Waugh homestead. Their family consisted of nine sons and five daughters. Concerning these children the following fragmentary particulars have been collected.

Elizabeth Waugh was married to Caleb Knapp, and first settled in Greenbrier. Afterwards lived awhile on Knapp's Creek, thence settled on the Greenbrier, known as the Knapp Place where McCoy Malcomb now resides. Her daughter Ann Knapp was married to Richard B. Weir, and lives near Verdant Valley. Nancy Knapp became Mrs Henry Schroeder, lived some years in Huntersville, where Mr Schroeder operated a tannery, and finally settled on the Waugh homestead. Mary Schroeder, her daughter, was married to the late William Fertig, of Huntersville, lived some years on Anthony's Creek, and now lives near Dille's Mill. Mr Fertig was a saddler by trade, then a merchant, was a member of the Pocahontas Court, and upon his removal to Greenbrier devoted his time to farming.

B. Franklin Shrader died in the war. Robert C. Shrader lives on a part of the Waugh homestead, and conducts a farm and tannery successfully. His wife is a daughter of the late James Lewis, of the Levels. John Shrader lives at the original homestead as mentioned. His wife was a daughter of Nicholas Stulting, lately of Hillsboro.

Jacob Shrader married a daughter of the late David Kincaid, in Highland County, and lives near Dille's Mill. Luther Shrader married a sister of Jacob's wife, and lived in Greenbrier. Ellen Susan Shrader became the wife of Oscar Sharp, a local Methodist minister, and lives at Frost. The names of the other members of the Shrader family are Enoch, William, Charles, and Margaret Ann.

Eleanor Knapp married Sampson Buzzard. Elizabeth Knapp married Peter Shrader. Margaret Knapp married McCoy Malcomb. John Malcomb, whose wife was Fannie Carter, a daughter of the Dr. P. D. Carter, living in Greenbrier; Thomas Malcomb, who married Levie Moore, daughter of Jacob Moore, of Elk, and lives on Knapp's Creek, are her sons. Hannah Malcomb, now Mrs W. B. Johnson, near Marlinton, is her daughter. R. W. Knapp lived in Tucker County. A. J. Knapp went to Missouri.

Rebecca Waugh married Andrew Moore, son of Levi Moore, junior, and for some years lived near Frost, then at the head of Stony Creek, and finally her family moved to Jackson County.

Rev John Waugh, son of Samuel Waugh, married Martha Moore daughter of Levi Moore, junior, and settled on that part of the homestead now held by Robert Shrader, thence settled on the Indian Draft near Edray, where his son John Waugh now lives. His son Samuel died in youth, and was preparing for the Methodist ministry. Levi Waugh, a Confederate veteran; Beverly Waugh, a Union veteran; and John Waugh, lately deputy sheriff of Pocahontas county, are his sons. Mrs Ewing Johnson, near Marlinton, and Mrs Richard Mays, of Blue Ridge Springs, Va., are his daughters.

The Rev John Waugh is worthy of remembrance for many reasons. He was a skillful worker in metals. His speciality seemed to be the manufacture of hoes, one of the most useful of implements in his time when with many persons it

was the main reliance in cultivating a crop and working a garden. He excelled also in tempering axes—another implement of precious value and essential use in preparing the land for cultivation. He taught school, and preferred the vocal method when all the pupils would con their lessons audibly, as well as recite them. It was his contention that pupils trained thus would not be embarrassed by any confusion, and could attend to business no matter what the surroundings may be at sales, courts, stores, or mills. He studiously improved his limited opportunities for mental improvement and became a well-informed, intelligent citizen, and had his own well-matured opinions about questions of public interest. He was for many years a prominent member of his church and a local preacher that seemed to have but little regard for what persons might say about his discourse. He had a parable about throwing rocks in the dark at certain things, and if there was an outcry he knew that something was hit. He died a few years ago, apparently in the full possession of his faculties, at a very advanced age.

Samuel Waugh, junior, moved to Missouri in early manhood, and there upon his marriage with a Missouri lady, Mary Canterbury, he settled and we are favored with no further particulars.

Robert Waugh, remembered as a very bright and interesting young man, devoted himself to school-teaching. From exposure on the damp ground he contracted a rheumatic affection that disabled him for manual labor. He was held in high reputation as a teacher, and some of his scholars yet speak of him with affection after a lapse of fifty years or more.

Robert Waugh seems to have been gifted with fine oratorical powers, for some of the older people tell me that they have never heard anything that could beat Robert Waugh speaking when he got warmed up on any subject. He died comparatively young at the old homestead, and never lived to realize his hopes and aspirations in this life. In his case the adage seems to apply "Death loves a shining mark." In his lonely grave amid the "Hills" a tongue is silent that may have enraptured listening audiences and secured for Robert an illustrious name. It was when thinking of just such characters that these words came to the poet's mind:

*** Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its fragrance on the desert air.

William Waugh, another of Samuel Waugh's nine sons, married Martha Brown, daughter of Josiah Brown, near Indian Draft, and settled on the Brown homestead, now in the possession of W. C. McA in. They were the parents of ten children, whose names appear in the memoirs of Josiah Brown. Upon leaving this place Mr Waugh settled in Upshur County, thence he went to Iowa, and afterwards to Missouri, where Mrs Waugh died many years ago. In 1894 Mr William Waugh was struck by a passing train not far from his home in Missouri and died in forty minutes from the shock.

Alexander Waugh, son of Samuel Waugh pioneer, married Annie Cochran of the Levels, and settled in Nicholas County.

Arthur Waugh, another of the nine sons, went in early manhood to Kenawha, where he married Henrietta Boswell and settled.

Jacobs Waugh married Miss Sarah Ann Gay, youngest daughter of the late Samuel M. Gay, near Marlinton, and first lived at the Waugh homestead. Then he moved to Barbour County, and finally returned to Pocahontas and took charge of the Duffield mill, near Edray, where he died a few years since. This mill is now operated by his son S. D. Waugh. Mrs A. Coombs, Mrs John Waugh, Isam Waugh, and Lizzie Waugh, and E. A. Waugh, of Barbour County, are his children. Isam and Lizzie are living with their mother, Mrs Margaret Waugh, near Frankford,

Jacob Waugh's second wife, who survives her husband. She was a Miss Carrington, of Taylor county.

Beverly Waugh, the last to be mentioned of this remarkable list of sons of Samuel Waugh, married Martha Bradshaw, daughter of the late William Bradshaw, on Browns Creek. He lived many years on the place now occupied by Robert Shrader. He then moved to the Levels, near Hillsboro. Mrs Kenney Wade (first wife) and John E. Waugh were his children.

Mr Beverly Waugh was an estimable man. He led the Mt. Zion class for sixteen years, and yielded the position to the regret of his Christian Brethren when it became necessary to change homes. He died of a cancerous affection but a few years since, and bore his dreadful sufferings with becoming resignation. He left an honorable reputation as a gentleman and a Christian.

In reference to Samuel Waugh's other three daughters we are able to furnish but the few particulars herewith given. Margaret Waugh was married to Samuel Martin, and lived first in Upshur County and then moved to Iowa.

Mary Ann Waugh became Mrs Reuben Buzzard, and lived near Glade Hill a few years. Afterwards Mr Buzzard purchased Dille's mill and lived there a considerable while, and finally emigrated to the far West.

Truly our attention has been given to a family group whose history is suggestive and instructive. Samuel Waugh and Ann McGuire his wife, imbued with the faith and energy so peculiar to the genuine Scotch-Irish, endured all that is implied in rearing a family of fourteen sons and daughters, and all living to be adults. The sons all lived to be grown and not one was ever known to use tobacco or ardent spirits. This seems scarcely credible, yet it is asserted to be a pleasing truth. Samuel Waugh was one of the original members of the old Mt. Zion Church, one of the strongholds of its denomination for so many years. His history shows that in the face of pioneer hindrances and privations sons and daughters may be reared that may faithfully serve God and support their country in their day and generation. W. T. P.

Coining Silver Dollars.

The government is at this time engaged in coining several million silver dollars for the redemption of Sherman notes. As is well known these notes were issued under the act of 1890 and given in payment for silver bullion. They are payable in coin, but under the clause in the act pledging the government to maintain the parity of gold and silver, gold was not refused for the notes when demanded. There is a considerable demand for silver dollars among the colored laborers of the South, who preferred them to paper dollars. It is to meet this demand that several million dollars are coined each year out of the ricks of pig silver bought under the Sherman act. The Sherman notes so redeemed may be reissued. The amount of these notes issued is \$114,867,920, of which about \$31,000,000 is in the treasury. A great many of the silver dollars find their way back to the treasury, where they are deposited and silver certificate taken instead. If all the Sherman notes should be redeemed in silver and withdrawn from circulation or cancelled, there would still be a vast bulk of silver left known as the "seignorage." The government bought this silver at a far higher price than the present market value. But the price paid was less than the coinage value—that is, with the silver bought with a hundred dollars of the Sherman notes over a hundred and fifty dollars may be coined. So there is enough pig silver in the treasury to coin dollars for the redemption of all the Sherman notes and many millions besides. The disposition of the remainder will be in the hands of Congress, but until all the Sherman notes are retired it must remain as a pledge for their redemption.—Baltimore Sun.

MORE THAN HE COULD STAND.—How about that walking delegate walking out of the church Sunday right in the midst of the sermon? Had he got so in the habit of walking that he did it automatically?
"Nah. The preacher happened to say something about observing the Biblical injunctions."—Indianapolis Journal.

How Old are You?

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IRREGULARITY IN SCHOOL SUB-DISTRICTS.

I do not wish to impose an article upon the people which is not of general interest; but there is one subject which interests every taxpayer in Green Bank District, and that is the present arrangement of the school sub-districts.

As I understand the intention of the school law on this point, our sub-districting is a most miserable failure. If I interpret correctly, every school should constitute a sub-district, with three trustees to each, of whom two must sign a contract to make it valid. But in Green Bank District THREE schools constitute a district with a trustee to each, which makes it necessary for the trustees to trade signatures with each other, and that trade is with "boot," the "boot" consists of an agreement that each is to withhold his signature from a contract until that trustee is on it who belongs to the school for which the contract is made, which virtually puts the control of a school within the power of one trustee, who can arbitrarily use that power to gratify his own taste or interest, whether it please or displease every other patron in the district. I do not mean to say or intimate that all the trustees abuse the trust imposed in them, but I do say that some do practice corruption along that very line; and that thing does a great deal to cause dissatisfaction and jangle in the schools.

No teacher in the district referred to knows what school he may teach (legally), for three schools being in, say, No. 2 Sub District, any one could be claimed by any teacher of the schools, so far as the contract is concerned, and no recourse could be had by the other teacher—who may have had an understanding with the people that he was to teach that particular school.

It is hoped the County Superintendent will take such steps as will set this matter right, both for the good of the teacher and the people.

Respectfully,
B. F. E. W.

REASON TO BE THANKFUL.—Minister (to elderly female crofter)—I am sorry to hear your potatoes are very bad this year, Janet.

"Deed they are, sir, but I have reason to be thankful to Providence that th' other folks are as badly off as myself."—London Tit-Bits.

HE WAS NO FOOL.—He—Did you hear of that Pennsylvania woman who sued a man for \$1,000 for one kiss?

She—Yes, what a homely creature she must be.

He—Homely? Why so?

She—Oh, of course, she just sued because she wanted to advertise the fact that somebody had summoned up courage enough to do it, and not because she was mad.

He then proceeded to take a bunch.—Cleveland Leader.

SAMUEL SLONIGAN, 78 years old, living near Morgantown, has employed an attorney to bring suit against the descendants of the captain of the ship in which Jonah sailed from Joppa on his memorable voyage from Nineveh, for the amount and interest of his ancestor's fare. His claim is based on the fact recorded in the Bible that Jonah was thrown over board. Slonigan has spent twenty or more years tracing his own ancestry and that of certain wealthy steamship owners of New York, landed millionaires of England and bankers of Paris. He claims he is the last surviving descendant of Jonah and that the other people are the descendants of the captain of the ship. He will go to New York this week to place his claim in the hands of his attorney.

Indians Scared by an Elevator.

An Indian yell which made the blood of the people at the State House run cold reverberated thro the halls and offices. It sounded like the dying moan of a thousand souls going down into perdition. It was wild, uncanny and weird and terrifying in the extreme. Chiefs Much Nose and Little Talk were doing the State House and stepped into the elevator at the solicitation of their guide. The carriage started up and then the Indians yelled. One dropped down on his knees and lifted up his voice in a weird, discordant supplication to the Great Spirit, while the other seized the iron grating of the cage and yelled in savage style. The muscles of his face stood out in bold relief, so great was the exertion of yelling. The squaws fell upon the floor of the elevator and seemed in a faint. When the elevator stopped the Indians scrambled out, but visited the State House no longer. They hurried down a stairway leading to the main entrance and disappeared as if by magic toward their camp.—Topeka State Journal.

A GRATEFUL WOMAN.—A Prattville, N. Y., woman whose husband died recently sent the following communication to a local paper: "Mr Editor—I desire to thank the friends and neighbors most heartily in this manner for the united aid and cooperation during the illness and death of my late husband, who escaped from me by the hand of death on Friday last while eating breakfast. To the friends and all who contributed so willingly toward making the last moments and funeral of my husband a success, I desire to remember most kindly, hoping these few lines will find them enjoying the same blessing. I have also a good milk cow and roan gelding horse, eight years old, which I will sell cheap. God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm;" also a black and white shote, very low."—Greenbrier Independent.

"CHILDREN'S feet grow so fast," says The Hospital, "that to keep them always properly shod is a matter that requires considerable care and some expenditure. It matters very little to a child's future well-being that at some period of its childhood the sleeves of a jacket have been too short or the skirt of a frock too scant; but the compression of feet in boots too tight or, even worse, too short may be a cause of torment in future years. Infinitely better are bare feet than clumsy, heavy, ill-shaped boots. In the winter the feet may indeed want some protection from cold and wet, but during the greater portion of the year children may safely and healthfully go barefooted. Some mothers, by means of the poorer class, are convinced that the comfort and symmetry of the feet in maturer years are largely to be gained by giving them freedom during the time of growth."

PRESTON County recently sent two men to the penitentiary. One of them had stolen a \$500 diamond and was convicted after a costly trial. The other had stolen an \$8 suit of clothes, confessed and saved the county the expense of a trial. The diamond thief was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, while the other received for his horrible crime three years in the same institution.—Greenbrier Independent.

IT MIGHT BE SO CALLED.—"It is not allowed to members of the cloth to be superstitious," said the good minister, "yet it may be deemed a curious coincidence that out of eighteen couples I have joined in matrimony in this study fifteen have since been divorced."
"Why don't you hang out a sign 'Bargains in Misfits,'" asked his parish friend.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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